

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS, HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 229 Tigert Hall, Post Office Box 113157, Gainesville, FL 32611

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the University of Florida for facilities and equipment. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: DOE, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Santa Fe College

Address of Requesting Entity: 3000 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville, FL 32606

Description of Request: I have secured \$450,000 for Santa Fe College. The funding will be used to establish a Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program at Santa Fe College. Alachua County is home to the largest cluster of bioscience companies in the state of Florida. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS, HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Santa Fe College

Address of Requesting Entity: 3000 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville, FL 32606

Description of Request: I have secured \$150,000 for Santa Fe College. The funding will be used to construct an additional 40,000 square feet of classroom space at the new Alachua Emerging Technologies Center. This Center will house the new Clinical Laboratory Sciences program and a Biotechnology program. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: DOE, Elementary & Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alachua County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 12 South East 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Description of Request: I have secured \$250,000 for Alachua County, FL. The funding will be used for the expansion of a multi-agency initiative designed to provide programs and services to at-risk children through a comprehensive after school program. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL S. HOFFMAN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and remarkable achievements of Daniel S. Hoffman. Dan Hoffman was an icon in the legal community, an educator, and a public servant who spent his life working for justice.

Dan Hoffman was a leader of Colorado's legal community. He served as president of both the Colorado Bar Association and the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (the only person who has held both those posts) and state chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers. In recognition of his outstanding work, Dan was honored with the Colorado State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers Lifetime Achievement Award, the American Jewish Committee Judge Learned Hand Award, and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Outstanding Alumni Award.

Dan was an inspiring teacher at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he also served as Dean from 1978 to 1984. The Hoffman Cup, Sturm's most prestigious trial advocacy award, is named for Dan. Students remember Dan as a legal giant who was nonetheless accessible to everyone, including first-year law students, and made them feel that he cared. He mentored many law students and lawyers early in their careers, including my husband, Lino Lipinsky.

Dan was a stellar litigator and advocate. In the 1970s, Dan became part owner of the Denver Nuggets of the American Basketball Association and negotiated the merger of the ABA with the NBA. In one notable case, he represented Michael Jackson against a Denver woman who claimed she had written one of Jackson's hits. Dan's masterful direct examination of Jackson, which included having Jackson sing two songs a cappella, giving the jury a new view of Michael Jackson, is taught in law schools and at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy as a model of direct examination. Whether representing his corporate clients or the "little guy," he was, in the words of Colorado Supreme Court Justice Michael Bender, "the ultimate model of a wonderful lawyer."

Dan Hoffman was born May 4, 1931, in New York City. He graduated from high school at 15 and enrolled in college at the University of Colorado at 16. He received his law degree magna cum laude from the University of Denver. At age 32, he became the City of Denver's youngest-ever public safety manager and led a successful campaign to clean up corruption in the Denver Police Department. Public service was always part of this life.

Dan's commitment to justice and fairness was lifelong. In 1965, he joined Martin Luther King on his civil-rights protest march in Alabama from Selma to Montgomery. He was state director for Sen. Robert Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign. He joined the protests later that year at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. As an activist and an advocate, he stood up for the injured and those without a voice.

The Colorado legal community has seen many notable lawyers pass through its diverse community, but none like Dan Hoffman. A champion of justice, a crusader for civil rights, a community leader and a teacher and mentor to many, Dan Hoffman has left an indelible mark on all those privileged to have known him. Please join me in paying tribute to the life of Daniel Hoffman.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding religious institution, the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Paterson, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 175th Anniversary of dedicated service to its members, and by extension, the greater community.

It is only fitting that the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Paterson be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for the spiritual home it has provided to its members, and to the greater Paterson community that helps keep this deeply rooted Church family growing towards the future.

The documented history of the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church begins in 1834, making it the oldest Black Church in Passaic County. The first Pastor in Charge of what was then the Paterson A.M.E. Zion Church was Rev. William Serrington, and he reported 22 members. They built a church on Godwin Street and adopted the name of Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, affiliating with the Zion Methodist Episcopal Connection. By 1836, the membership had grown to 26. The next documents report in 1845, that Rev. George Gernet was Pastor in Charge. In 1846, the Trustees of the Church deeded property on Godwin Street, and contracted to have a church built. They leased a nearby home for the minister.

In 1847, the Pastor in Charge, Rev. Vanhass, serving as the first minister of the Godwin Street A.M.E. Zion Church, reported a membership of 13 people. Nine more ministers would succeed Rev. Vanhass over the next five decades. In 1889, during the pastorate of Rev. White, a great revival coupled with the failure of the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Paterson added 105 more people to the congregation. The next Pastor was Rev. Anderson, whose plans to build a new edifice led to the demolition of the Godwin Street Church. He was soon transferred, and the task of raising funds for a new building fell to Rev. Blalock, which was completed in 1897. Five other pastors followed before Rev. Williams was appointed in May of 1911. He led the congregation in the purchase of the current site in 1915, but the building was destroyed by fire in 1921. Rev. Donawa led the construction of a parsonage, and then in 1924, Rev. Cole erected the church which the congregation still worships in today.

Keeping the name of the Godwin Street A.M.E. Zion the church now stood on the corner of Summer and Ellison Streets. It was led through this period by Rev. Robeson, then Rev. Cowan, and then Rev. Taylor who later became the Bishop. In 1945, the mortgage was paid off and the name of the church changed to First A.M.E. Zion.

During the pastorate of Rev. Roberts, a conflict resulted in a separation, and sonic congregants left him to establish the New A.M.E. Zion Church, also located in Paterson. A building fund started by Rev. Mapp left the Church with over \$11,000 in the Treasury, and